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# CAMPUS BULLETIN

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LAZINESS MAY  
APPEAR ATTRACTIVE,  
but WORK  
GIVES SATISFACTION.

HELEN KELLER

## Confidentiality

*By George Stailey*

All of the employees at the Indiana School for the Deaf are considered part of the school community. As members of that community, we share an enormous amount of information with each other to better the services and programs for students. As we share this information, we need to consider whether it is public knowledge, work product, or confidential.

Information that is public knowledge is often in printed form, is shared with staff members at meetings, or is discussed openly during the workday. Information that is work product is information that is a result of your job and is not to be shared with everyone. It is information that is relevant to the operation of the school but is not necessarily public information. Lastly, confidential information is not to be shared with anyone unless permission has been granted from the person who shared it.

Confidential in Webster's New World Dictionary is defined as:

- Told in confidence, secret
- Of or showing confidence
- Entrusted with private matters; as, a confidential agent

As we work with information regarding students and employees, everyone needs to analyze what they are saying, where they are saying it, when they are saying it, and to whom they are saying it. This self-check would assist ISD in protecting the students and the employees in our community. Let's all work together and make every attempt to consider what we are saying.

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# Library notes

*from Linda Carty*

We did it! It was just confirmed that we made a very neat profit of \$1,176.41 from the total sales of \$3,921.37 at the Scholastic Book Fair last November. It was the highest that we ever made these past few years. We gained not only this profit, but we took in approximately \$200.00 in free books for scheduling this book fair and we also earned a \$160.00 bonus voucher. Once again, thanks to you all for making it a continued success. The book fair has been rescheduled for the first or second week next November. The profits will be used to purchase needed materials for ISD libraries.

This book fair would not have been possible without the volunteers who assisted at the tables. For the first time, we had volunteers from the Deaf community in addition to the school staff who contributed many hours to make this book fair successful. They are as follows:

Jack Zook, Kenneth Murray, Sara Smith, Lois Czosnowski, Bill Boone, Milly Baker, Paul Baldridge, Kathy Thixton, Kathleen Robertson, Ellen Zook, Elizabeth Foster, Wendy Brimmer, Glenda Zymijewski, Helen Freeman, Mary Alice Moon, Donald Sellers, Jan Bivens, Greg Wright and Ron Collier.

The next *Campus Bulletin* will be distributed on Friday, January 5. Please send any items that you would like to appear in this issue to Jim Frenchik in Middle School by Monday, February 1.

# Team ISD 1999

*by Mandy Mueller*

Though it feels like it will snow forever, May isn't that far off. You know what that means, right?? The MINI-MARATHON is right around the corner. That's right, 13.1 miles of pure delight. Are you ready? Oh, come on, what about those New Year's resolutions to get out, do more, challenge yourself?

It's okay to be apprehensive; we all were last year ... and we all survived with fun stories and swelling pride. Let's recap ... Team ISD 1998 consisted of eight dedicated runners, walkers, and "cheerleaders" that raised \$800 to donate to ISD. It rained, it shined, and we all accomplished our goals at the Mini-Marathon. This year we'd love to have you join us as a member of Team ISD.

Okay, now you're wondering, "hmmm, what do I have to do to be a member of this fantastic group?" I'm glad you asked! We ask that each Team ISD member ~~raise~~ \$100 to be donated to an ISD cause and to set ~~the~~ ~~her~~ own individual goals related to the Mini. In return, you will receive:

- Weekly group runs on the Monon
- *Campus Bulletin* article praising your accomplishments.
- Group photo
- A beautifully designed t-shirt proclaiming you as a member of this cool team
- The pride of accomplishing 13.1 miles!

If you have never run before, it's okay; we have a work-out schedule for everyone's skill level.

You CAN do it!

There will be an initial meeting to discuss goals, weekly runs, etc.

Date: January 28, 1999  
Time: 4:50 p.m. (at the latest!)  
Place: Alumni Hall, room G-29  
To bring: enthusiasm and a smile

Please RSVP by January 26 or, if you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to participate in any manner, please feel free to call Mandy Mueller at ext. 382 or e-mail at [amjm@aol.com](mailto:amjm@aol.com)  
Go Team ISD!

## Library honored

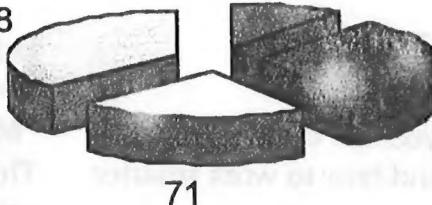
*by Linda Carty*

The Indianapolis Marion County Public Library (IMCPL) has been named one of the best libraries in the United States in the January issue of American Libraries. ISD staff and students can access the IMCPL card catalog through the internet, and books can be placed on hold and delivered to ISD's Irene Hodock Library.

## Enrollment by Department

### High School

118



### Elementary

98

### Middle School

71

Total Enrollment: 322  
as of January 14, 1999

## ISD impresses visitors

*by Mary Alice Moon*

The day all of you fought your way in to school after Christmas vacation, the school also got four young interns from Western Maryland College. During their two-week stay on our campus, they were supposed to get as much hands-on experience with kids as possible. Since we had very few children during that entire two-week period, we knew that we would have a problem in meeting their needs, but, as usual, the ISD staff came through with flying colors.

I asked for feedback from the interns at the end of their visit because it had been such an unusual two-week period for each and every person on our campus. As they began talking about their time on our campus, I was overwhelmed with pride. They could not say enough nice things about every staff person they met. You all went out of your way to make them feel comfortable and more than welcome. They also were amazed at how willing you were to share information, materials and ideas. Even though they had very little time with students due to the weather, all four of them felt that this was really a life-changing experience for them 'because of all of you!!!'

Thank you again for making ISD such a great place to work!

## Elizabeth Foster, Interpreter of the Year

*by Linda Carty*

Elizabeth Foster, retired ISD teacher, was recently named Interpreter of the Year for Conner Prairie, the historical community near Fishers, Indiana. No, Ms. Foster, who volunteers in the Irene Hodock Library in Alumni Hall, is *not* an ASL interpreter. She is a historical interpreter: at Conner Prairie, she takes on the role of an early American settler -- in her case, an immigrant from England -- and explains what life was like in colonial America.

Colleague Peg Hoffman states, "Liz can do it all!"

"She definitely brings a different perspective to interpretation," adds Marcel Riddick, another interpreter, because of what her English background adds to the settlement. In 1863, the time period depicted at Conner Prairie, there were still harsh feelings about Britain in America.

# Staff Development News

If you would like more information on any of the workshops listed here, contact Mary Alice Moon at the Indiana School for the Deaf at (317) 924-8414.

## February 2

### **“Managing Multiple Priorities”**

This workshop will give you tips on how to get more done in less time and how to work smarter rather than harder

Sponsored by: Dun & Bradstreet

Cost: \$165

Location: Hyatt Regency

## February 3

### The Children’s Early Care Series

#### **“Successful Toilet Training”**

This series is designed for parents, child caregivers and teachers

Sponsored by: Crossroads, First Steps and The Children’s Museum

Cost: Free

Location: Children’s Museum - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Phone: 466-2006

## February 10

### The Children’s Early Care Series

#### **“Learning Through Play”**

This series is designed for parents, child caregivers and teachers

Sponsored by: Crossroads, First Steps and The Children’s Museum

Cost: Free

Location: Children’s Museum - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Phone: 466-2006

## February 18- 20, 1999

### Council of Exception Children Convention

#### **“Meeting the New Millennium”**

This convention will have more than 45 different workshops offered covering a wide range of topics. It is a great time to find out all of the recent changes in IDEA 997 as well expand your knowledge as a special educator.

Sponsored by: Council for Exceptional Children

Cost: Member - \$67.00, Non-member - \$77.00,

Parent - \$25.00, Paraprofessional - \$25.00

Location: Sheraton Indianapolis North Hotel  
(Formerly the Raddison Plaza)

## March 16, 1999

### **“Positive, Effective Discipline for Young Children (Preschool - Kindergarten)”**

This workshop will present practical strategies for nurturing appropriate behavior, encouraging self-discipline and building responsibility in young learners. Sponsored by: Bureau of Education & Research

Cost: \$125

Location: Quality Inn East, Indianapolis

## February 5-6, 1999

### **“Developing Educational Collaborations”**

This conference brings together parents, teachers, administrators and teacher educators to address research and practice related to collaborations, professional development and students achievement.

Cost: 2 days without lunch - \$60 , with lunch \$75

1 day without lunch - \$45, with lunch \$55

Sponsored by: Center for Collaboration in Educational Development

Location : Alumni Center, Ball State University

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IF AMERICA'S ONLY  
EDUCATIONAL DUTY WERE TO  
EDUCATE EVERYONE WHO IS  
ANXIOUS AND WILLING TO  
LEARN, WE COULD CLOSE  
DOWN HALF OUR SCHOOLS.

William F. Buckley, Jr.

## Fiscal Study complete

by George Stailey

The Fiscal Study (Senate Bill 400) has been completed. Five (5) copies of the final report have been placed in the Irene Hodock Library for your information. A "Review" written by the Indiana State Department of Health is enclosed with the Fiscal Study Report.

The Task Force has completed its work with a recommendation to the Commissioner at the Indiana State Department of Health regarding governance of ISD. Five (5) copies of the recommendation from the Task Force have also been placed in the Irene Hodock Library for your information.

## Defining a "World Class School"

by George Stailey

The Administrative Team has been working throughout the first semester to write five (5) statements clarifying what a "World Class School" means to ISD. The statements were shared with the departments and feedback was requested. The Division Directors, Ms. Fetzer, Dean of Students; Mr. Kovatch, Principal; Mr. McKenna, Assistant Superintendent; and Ms. Cass, Director of Outreach; will be working with their departments during the second semester to write goals that support these statements. The goals will be written for the 1999-2000 school year.

The statements that will be the foundation for ISD to become a "World Class School" are below:

- ♦ All programs and services are student centered.
- ♦ Programs are provided in a Bilingual/Bicultural environment where cultures and languages are mutually respected, supported, and encouraged with high expectations for all.
- ♦ The school community promotes a family friendly environment and a positive customer service attitude.
- ♦ A qualified, proactive staff creates a learning environment that challenges students to achieve to their highest potential
- ♦ An empowered community interacts and provides leadership focusing on the best interest of the students.

Please contact any member of the Administrative Team if you have questions. Thank you all for your support and assistance in creating a "World Class School" at ISD.

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## Leukemia Society fund-raiser

*by Jim Frenchik*

ISD will participate in the Leukemia Society of America's fund-raising project "Pennies for Patients" from February 15-March 5, 1999. The program is lots of fun, and, with everyone's support, money that we raise could help find a cure for leukemia and other related diseases.

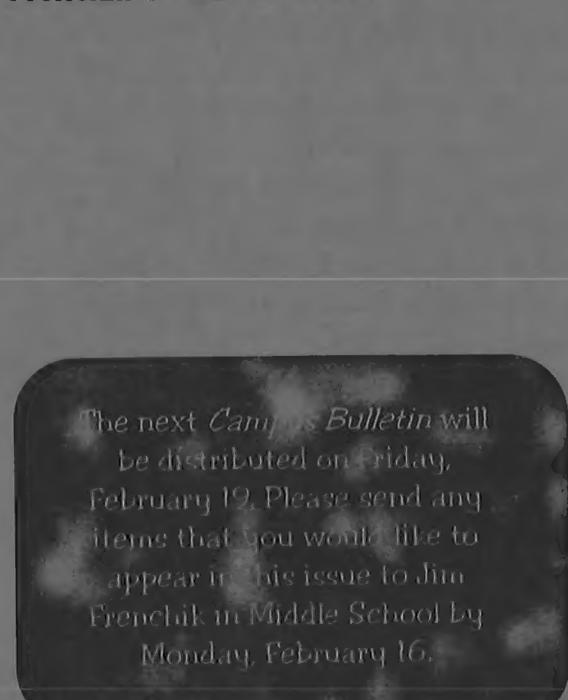
"Pennies for Patients" is set up as a competition between classrooms. All 69 of the classrooms, Preschool through High School, will compete for the largest amount of money collected. At the end of the three-week period, the winning classroom will be treated to a pizza party hosted by the Leukemia Society.

Depending on the total amount that ISD raises, we could also earn prizes for the school.

So, get ready to save up your pocket change for these three weeks and drop it into one of the classrooms'

buckets.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim Frenchik in Middle School.



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## ISD's "Adopt a Family"

*by Pam Burchett and Cathy Pardee*

We would like to express our thanks to all of the staff who participated in the first ISD "Adopt a Family." It was a huge success! A very special thank you goes to the Student Life Department, who adopted four families! Their generosity really touched our hearts as they donated numerous gifts for each of the four families. Another thanks goes to the Outreach Department for adopting two students and the High School Department who adopted one student.

We would also like to say thanks to the staff in the Business Office and in the Store Room for assisting us in mailing all of the packages in a prompt manner! We appreciate all of your help!

We will be making preparations much earlier next year and are hoping that all departments will be able to participate. Again, thank you all so much. We have wonderful staff here! What a great place to work!



# The BiBi Forum

*by Glenda Zmijewski*

## November meeting:

The first BiBi Forum of the 1998-99 school year was held in the vocational conference room on November 10, 1998. A good number of people turned out for the first meeting. David Reynolds started the meeting with an introduction and background of the BiBi committee. The agenda also included the purpose and the role of the BiBi committee. Superintendent George Stailey shared his report of the Midwest superintendent's meeting.

David Reynolds and Jeff Richards will be the co-facilitators of the BiBi meetings. Glenda Zmijewski will be the notetaker/secretary and Susan Hocker will be her assistant during the meetings.

The committee planned to brainstorm issues and ideas at the December meeting in order to pick one or two issues to focus on for the year because having too many issues might cause the group to lose focus and not accomplish any of its goals. The group decided to focus on speech in Preschool, orientation for new staff, and communications issues at the December meeting.

The group was renamed to avoid the term "Committee." The BiBi Forum will meet on the second Tuesday of every month, from 3:30 to 4:30, in the vocational conference room.

## December meeting:

David Reynolds opened the meeting with an overview of the purpose of "The BiBi Forum." The purpose of the forum is to bring in concerns or issues related to the BiBi vision. Three issues were carried over from the meeting in November: speech in Preschool, BiBi orientation, and communication issues. There were several new items added to the agenda:

- ◆ PAC wanted to address when students are to use (or not use) their voices in public places.
- ◆ There was a call for orientation for new staff and for new students and their families
- ◆ A lot of discussion revolved around the role of speech in Preschool: new trends, practices, and activities being incorporated into the program's learning center.
- ◆ teacher training in a BiBi setting
- ◆ Theater Arts reflecting BiBi philosophy
- ◆ The drop in the number of Deaf employees and the need to recruit more deaf adults
- ◆ a BiBi office
- ◆ having students involved in the BiBi Forums, e.g. representatives from Jr. NAD or Student Council orientation on student rights

At the next meeting, participants will address the question of orientation for new staff and new students and their families. They will also discuss communication issues.

# Staff Development Briefs

*by Mary Alice Moon*

If you would like more information on any of the following workshops you may contact the Staff Development Office, which is located in Building 6 in Room 223. Our phone number is ext. 414. There is also additional information on the bulletin board outside the office.

**Title:** Team Building and Conflict Resolution

**Offered by:** Indiana's Unified Training System:

**What you will learn:** How to build a good working team and resolved issues within the team

**Date:** April 27 and 28

**Cost:** To be announced

**Location:** Ritz Charles

**Title:** Creating Partnerships in Early Childhood Education

**Offered by:** Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children

**Skills:** This conference offers more than 75 workshop covering every area of early childhood education

**Date:** March 11, 12, 13

**Cost:** \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members

**Location:** Purdue University, West Lafayette

**Title:** How to Deliver Exceptional Customer Service

**Offered by:** Fred Pryor

**Skills:** Learn how to eliminate negative situations and turn every customer into an ally

**Date:** March 18

**Cost:** \$99

**Location:** Quality Inn East

**Title:** Conflict Management for Women

**Offered by:** Fred Pryor

**Skills:** How to keep your cool, stand your ground and positively resolve conflict

**Date:** March 26

**Cost:** \$99

**Location:** Quality Inn East

**Title:** The Indispensable Assistant

**Offered by:** Skillpath

**Skills:** How to get more done with less time and manage multiple projects with ease

**Date:** February 23

**Cost:** \$149

**Location:** Quality Inn East

**Title:** The Behavior-Communication Link

**Offered by:** Center for Innovative Practices for Young Children

**Skills:** This is designed for paraeducators in Elementary and Early childhood programs

**Date:** February 26

**Cost:** \$50

**Location:** Bloomington

## Look Where People Have Gone During the Last Two Weeks

*by Mary Alice Moon*

### Why Does My Child Do That?

Lori Dille

Vera Masters

Cindy Lawrence

### Conference for Audiologists

Linda Charlebois

Deb Liebrich

### Conflict Resolution

Sandy Hakes

### ODD Children and Adolescents

David Geeslin

Dave Tester

### Coaches Clinic

Dan Fitzpatrick

Mike McGeath

### Family and Consumer Science Conference

Kay Sellers

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## ICRID'S Annual Spring Retreat A total language immersion experience

*by Mandy Mueller*

**W**E'VE ALL BEEN TOLD THAT THE BEST WAY TO LEARN a language or to become familiar with a culture is to immerse yourself in the community. Well, here's your opportunity to experience a total ASL environment for a day and a half. For over 20 years ICRID has proudly been the sponsor of this unique opportunity, the Annual Spring Retreat (ASR), and will host this year's ASR at the Indiana School for the Deaf on March 26 & 27, 1999. The theme of the 1999 ASR is "Building Blocks of American Sign Language," at which ICRID is thrilled to present some of Indiana's finest ASL instructors and Deaf community leaders.

The kickoff starts Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> with "Playtime" led by the dynamic and vivacious Debra Fetzer. Debbie graduated from the Michigan School for the Deaf and Gallaudet University. Her most recent project was that of co-author and Director of the theater troupe *HANDS ALIVE!* She is currently the Dean of Students at ISD. Following the fun-filled "Playtime" will be bedtime stories told by Pat Collins.

Pat is a long-time fixture in the ISD Preschool department and is famous for her ability to play with the language as she tells her fascinating tales.

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> will be packed with four fabulous workshops presented by:

- **Rob Loveless** is a graduate of, and presently working at, ISD. He has taught ASL classes for the Indiana Association of the Deaf for the past three years and is currently teaching families and adults in a distance learning program.
- **Beatrice Pfaff** is the third generation in her Deaf family. Currently Beatrice works at ISD as an ASL teacher for staff and families and also as a teacher at Vincennes University ASL Studies Program. She holds a degree in Deaf Education from Ball State University and somehow she has found the time to pursue a second Master's degree as an ASL Specialist.
- **Ann Reifel** is a graduate of ISD and taught there

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for 15 years. Ann holds a master's degree in both Deaf Education and an ASL Teaching Degree. She is the Director of the ASL Studies Program at Vincennes University and is also the president of the Indiana ASLTA chapter.

➤ **Debbie Trapani** is a native of California and graduate of the California School for the Deaf in Freemont. Debbie holds a master's degree in Deaf Education and from 1993-1997 was involved in a Gallaudet University research project on ASL as a language of instruction in the classroom. Prior to becoming a Hoosier and a teacher in the Preschool department at ISD, she taught at the Delaware School for the Deaf.

Each of these dynamic presenters will incorporate this year's ASR theme "Building Blocks of ASL" into their workshop. They will not only teach different fundamentals of ASL, but will also guide participants in taking risks and playing with language, as we did when learning our native language.

If you are interested in an application or have questions, please contact Pam Lewis in the Interpreting Services Office at 924-8419.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity!

## Flower fund

*by George Stailey*

**T**HE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM DECIDED THIS YEAR TO ESTABLISH A flower fund for ISD. The fund is kept in the superintendent's office and is used to send a sympathy card and flowers in the event that an employee has a death in the family.

The fund is used for the passing of the employee's parents, children, or siblings. ISD has tried in the past to remember employees during this time of grief but has not always had the funding. This fund would enable ISD as a community to acknowledge the loss.

Many employees have already contributed to this fund, and to them I express my deepest gratitude.

If you are interested in participating, please send your contribution to my office. This is strictly a voluntary request and no one is obligated to participate. Thank you all for your attention to this idea and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

## Upcoming interpreted performances

*by Chuck Daube*

The following is a list of performances in the Indianapolis area which will be interpreted in ASL:

**February 28, 2:00 p.m.**

*The Herbal Bed*, IRT (783-4090 - V)

**March 13, 8:07 p.m.**

"Sisters in Song"

Indianapolis Women's Chorus, University of Indianapolis 925-3040 (V/TTY, or use Indiana Relay)

**March 25, 7:30 p.m.**

*Godspell*, Edyean at the University of Indianapolis (783-4090 - V)

**March 28, 7:30 p.m.**

*Rent*, Clowes Hall (940-8050 - V or 940-6479 - TTY)

## Deaf Culture segment on CBS

*from Rachel Stone*

**T**HE CBS PROGRAM "SUNDAY COVER" WILL have a special feature on Deaf Culture on the CBS Evening News, anchored by John Roberts, scheduled to appear on Sunday, February 28. The piece on Deaf Culture should run about 3 1/2 minutes.

Karen Raffensperger, a CBS reporter, will fly to Western Maryland College (WMC) on Saturday, February 20, to film some of the work in WMC's Deaf Education classes.

# Nathie Marbury

by Linda Carty

**W**ELL-KNOWN ASL STORYTELLER NATHIE MARBURY WILL VISIT ISD CAMPUS ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, IN OBSERVANCE of Black History Month. She will work with our students during the day, then spend Saturday with parents before moving on to the Deaf Club in the evening.

Ms. Marbury is an ASL professor at Shoreline Community College in Seattle. She also taught in various other schools for the deaf and colleges. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Gallaudet University and her Master's degree in Special Education and Educational Administration and Supervision from California State University. She completed coursework requirements in the doctoral program in Applied Linguistics at UCLA.

Ms. Marbury has conducted numerous workshops and seminars all over the United States and Canada. Some of her workshop topics include ASL Literacy for Parents of Deaf Children, ASL Poetry, Black Deaf Empowerment, ASL Storytelling Techniques, Ethnic Empowerment within the Deaf Community, and Literature and Culture for Deaf Children. She is co-founder of Ujima, an African-American cultural organization in Oakland, CA.

The schedule for Ms. Marbury's visit follows:

8:00-9:00	Middle School and High School in the Auditorium (Black History/Black Deaf History)
9:15-10:20	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> graders in the Elementary Gym (ASL Storytelling/ASL Poetry)
10:30-11:20	Kindergarten-2 <sup>nd</sup> grades in the Elementary Gym (ASL Storytelling/ASL Poetry)
11:30-12:45	Lunch
12:50-1:30	Preschool staff in Preschool Gym (ASL Poetry/Techniques)
1:45-3:00	Middle School and High School in the auditorium (Empowerment/Motivation)

I would like to emphasize the library has several videotapes in which Nathie retells and acts out ASL stories with Ben Bahan. You are welcome to borrow them from the Hodock Library:

Once Upon a Time	_____	Children's Classics Retold in ASL
Video One	_____	The Little Mermaid
Video Two	_____	The Emperor's New Clothes, Hans Clodhopper
Video Three	_____	The Fisherman and His Wife, Hansel and Gretel
Video Four	_____	Rapunzel, Sleeping Beauty, The Musicians of Bremen
Video Five	_____	The Princess and the Pea, Inchilena
Video Six	_____	Cinderella, Rumpelstiltskin

## Taking BSU summer classes?

*from Mary Alice Moon*

If you are planning on taking a class at Ball State this summer, now is the time to register.

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# Staff Development News

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**Title:** Realistic Expectations for Students with Disabilities  
**Offered by:** ICASE Conference  
**Skills:** To understand how teachers can realistically accommodate students with disabilities in the regular secondary classroom.  
**Date:** March 12, 1999  
**Cost:** \$50  
**Location:** Raddison -State Road 26 & I65, Lafayette, IN

**Title:** Brain Compatible Learning  
**Offered by:** ICASE  
**Skills:** Learning how the brain works best  
**Date:** March 11, 1999  
**Cost:** \$50  
**Location:** Ramada Inn, Columbus, IN

**Title:** Positive Social Skills Training  
**Offered by:** Behavior Intervention Specialists, Inc.  
**Skills:** How to design and implement an individual-centered social skills curriculum  
**Date:** March 19, 1999  
**Cost:** \$165  
**Location:** Hyatt Regency, Cincinnati, Ohio

**Title:** The Unity Vocabulary Series  
**Offered by:** PATINS  
**Skills:** Presenting vocabulary through technology  
**Date:** March 23, 1999  
**Cost:** No cost  
**Location:** West Central Joint Services  
4730 W. Gadsden St., Indpls.

**Title:** Authentic Assessment for Early Intervention: Assessment You Can Use  
**Offered by:** UTS and DOE  
**Skills:** Learn about curriculum-embedded instruments and natural environments  
**Date:** March 26, 1999  
**Cost:** TBA  
**Location:** Ritz Charles Hotel

**Title:** Teaching East Asia in the Multimedia Approaches for Elementary and Middle School  
**Offered by:** Indiana University  
**Skills:** Curricular ideas for your classroom with presentations by teachers  
**Date:** March 2, 1999  
**Cost:** \$15  
**Location:** Holiday Inn Airport

## Look who's attended workshops during the last two weeks

*by Mary Alice Moon*

**Web Publishing**  
Jim Frenchik

**CEC Conference**  
Beth Fields

**Learning to Play**  
Cynthia Reynolds  
Carmi Cass  
Diana Battiste  
Debra Trapani  
Connie Jones  
JV Bippus  
Marsha Wetzel

**School Law Workshop**  
Jennifer Seet  
  
**ICASE Conference**  
George Stailey  
Judy Cass

**Hyper Studio Basics**  
Jim Frenchik

**Overcoming Workplace Negativity**  
Matt Kreuger  
Yvonne Catt

**Creating Positive Relationships**  
Terri Motter  
Deb Robarge

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## Swimming meet March 6

*by Nancy Caraboa*

High School and Middle School swimmers will compete in the Blind School Invitational here in Caskey Gymnasium on Saturday, March 6. Events begin at 9:00 a.m. Please come out and support our team!

## Lifeguard training

*by Nancy Caraboa*

Four High School students have met the requirements to be enrolled in the Lifeguard Training program this semester:

- DuWycia Wilson
- Cheryl Price
- Michael Rickett
- Amy Barker

These students recently passed Level VII (Advanced Swimming Skills) in the American Red Cross Swim Program.

Congratulations, and keep up the good work!

JUST THINK OF  
THE TRAGEDY OF  
TEACHING CHILDREN  
NOT TO DOUT.

CLARENCE DARROW

## BiBi Orientation Panel

*By Glenda Zmijewski*

The next BiBi Forum will host a panel of staff who have been involved in various capacities when new students, families, and staff arrive at ISD for the first time. How is the BiBi philosophy incorporated into the orientation program?

The following staff have graciously accepted the invitation to serve on the panel: Jeff Richards and Bruce Peters for input on new students, Diane Hazel for new families, Mary Alice Moon for new staff, and David Geeslin for new student staffing.

The panel will be held at the Vocational Conference Room, Tuesday, March 9, from 3:30-4:30.

## ISTEP+ Testing dates

*by Jeff Richards*

Dates for the ISTEP+ tests have been scheduled for the 1999-2000 school year:

### Fall 1999

- Testing for grades 3, 6, and 8 will be from September 15 through October 1, 1999.\*
- Testing for grades 10, 11, and 12 will be on September 15-17, 1999.

### Spring 2000

- Testing for grade 11 and 12 (retest) will be March 14-16, 2000.

\*Testing on September 20, 1999, is prohibited in observance of Yom Kippur.

# Staff Development News

If you would like more information on any of the workshops listed here, contact Mary Alice Moon at the Indiana School for the Deaf at (317) 924-8414.

**Title:** Positive Social Skills Training

**Offered by:** Behavior Intervention Specialists, Inc. Company

**Skills:** How to assess functionally appropriate social skills and design an individual-center social skills curriculum.

**Date:** April 23, 1999

**Cost:** \$150

**Location:** Louisville, KY

**Title:** Evening the Odds in the Treatment of Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

**Offered by:** The Neurology, Learning and Behavior Center

**Skills:** Overview of Effective Treatment Programs for ADHD and update on the use of medications in treatment of ADHD

**Date:** April 16, 1999

**Cost:** \$140.00

**Location:** Best Western Waterfront Plaza

**Title:** Dealing Effectively With Unacceptable Employee Behavior

**Offered by:** Skillpath Seminars

**Skills:** Learn how to turn underachievers into productive team members

**Date:** May 3, 1999

**Cost:** \$149.00

**Location:** Embassy Suites

**Title:** The Platinum Rule: How to Succeed with Customers, Co-Workers and Companies

**Offered by:** Ball State University

**Skills:** How to form instant connections and strong, productive relationships

**Date:** March 31, 1999

**Cost:** \$199

**Location:** Indiana Convention Center

**Title:** Assessing Students with Visual Impairments to Determine Appropriate Learning Media

**Offered by:** Indiana Department of Education

**Skills:** Learn how to know what kind of print a child should use and get a packet of training materials to take back to your school

**Date:** August 24, 1999

**Cost:** No charge but limited to the first 20 people

**Location:** Indianapolis (exact location to be announced)

**Title:** Assistive Technology In the Heartland

**Offered by:** 15 different organizations

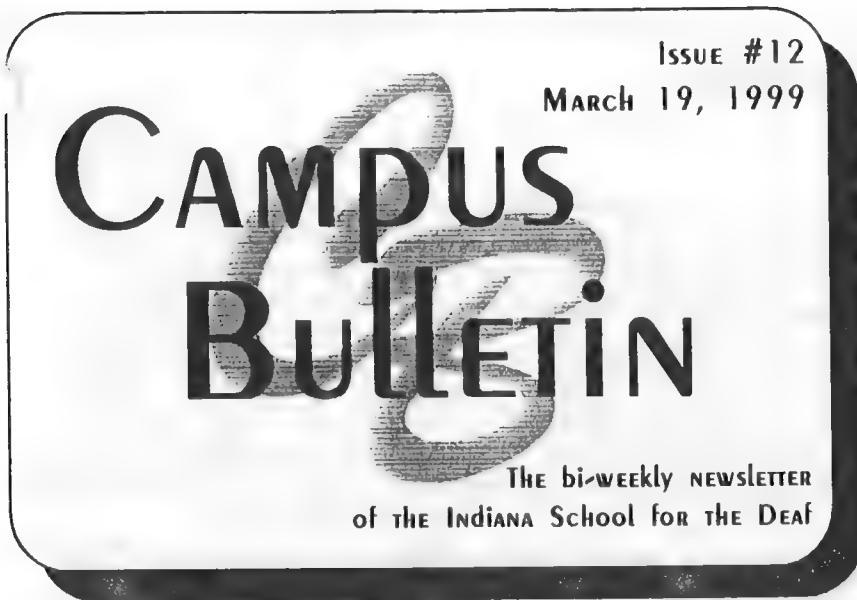
**Skills:** How to enhance independence through assistive technology at school, work and play

**Date:** April 25 - 29

**Cost:** \$200

**Location:** The Westin Suites and Sheraton Indianapolis North Hotel

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BERTRAND RUSSELL, philosopher

## Confidentiality

*by George Stailey*

Are you practicing confidentiality and respect for privacy as a member of the ISD staff? Do you recognize yourself in any of the following scenarios?

- A teacher and a residential advisor are at a basketball game and decide to discuss the concerns they have regarding a specific student. The teacher and residential advisor have this discussion in the Caskey Gym while they are sitting in the bleachers.
- A member of the ISD Administration is walking down the hall and stops a student to discuss a situation that happened in school two days previously. As the situation is discussed, two other students, a teacher assistant, and another administrator walk past.
- A parent arrives to campus and enters the Assessment Center. The parent is asking questions about their child. A staff member responds to the questions and then adds similar information about other students who attend ISD.
- A staff member calls the Health Center to check on the health status of a student. While providing this information, the Health Center staff member discusses other students who have similar medical information.
- While in the cafeteria, a staff member confronts a student about their behavior in class earlier that day.

Do any of these situations seem familiar? Every employee at ISD needs to recognize that confidentiality is critical and must be respected.

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### Vision screening

*By Penny Woodward and Ellie Sinsko*

Vision screening for the 1998-99 school year is complete. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your willingness to help, the use of your rooms, and your flexibility with the schedule.

## PTCO Day

by Barbara Gantt

### Look who went to workshops during the last two weeks

by Mary Alice Moon

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Jackie McBroom

#### Indispensable Assistant

Sylvia Applegate

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Jim Frenchik

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Judy Miller

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Beth Ann Wright

#### ASLTA K-12 Committee

Bea Pfaff

Sharon Mealka

Chris Fetzer

Diana Battiste

Louise Fitzpatrick

Angi Casler

David Geeslin

Cynthia Reynolds

Mike Paulone

Cami Cass

Malcolm Peters

The PTCO organization is sponsoring its annual PTCO Day on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Caskey Gym from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be games and activities for students of all ages, organizational and community booths, and raffles for the adults.

You can contact Bruce Peters at 920-6282 for ISD booths. Parent volunteers will be needed to help with children's games. Contact Wendy Brimmer at 546-7792 (TTY)

[Wbrim75907@aol.com] and Tami Hossler at 823-5191 (V/TTY) [Onthego321@aol.com]. For further questions, Barb Gantt, PTCO Day chairperson, can be reached at 576-9849 (TTY) [PTCODay@aol.com] and/or use Relay Indiana Service at 800-743-3333 to access my TTY number. We look forward to seeing all of you on PTCO Day, May 2<sup>nd</sup>!

## The history of language: a term paper

English Journal, November 199.

Penny Wakida teaches Senior English at Lahainaluna High School in Lahaina, Hawaii. After a rushed presentation on the history of the English language, Wakida asked her students to write a 200-word essay on the subject. What follows is a compilation she made from the nineteen student essays submitted.

### History of the Human Language

The history of the English Language started with the Stone Hedge people. The Celts drove out the Stone Hedge and conquered them. Way back when, the Stone Head people were driven out by the Celts. The Celts became the Welts. Then the Vikings came along who spoke Danish and Nourse. This influenced the language very much. We all know how pushy and violent Vikings are. Latten was spoken in church, and "Dramatic English" was spoken by lower class citizens. Old English is a collection of dramatic languages used from 700-1150. One writer of this time was Canter who wrote Canterbury tales. Fortunately a large company Gutten Printing Press, helped to standardize the language. Did you know that we have one of the oldest presses in Hawaii right here on campus. Shakespeare arose in the 1600's. He had a great vocabulary and wrote in poetic form. This is what we use today. Bill made sure everyone was using the right language.

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# “Life-Long Learning.” What does THAT mean?

ANONYMOUS

As stated in the ISD Beliefs, “We believe that all students can learn and are lifelong learners. In that spirit, I am printing this list that was given to me to illustrate the point:

- I've learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing “Silent Night.” (age 6)
- I've learned that you can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. (age 7)
- I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. (age 9)
- I've learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up. (age 13)
- I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. (age 14)
- I've learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me. (age 15)
- I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice. (age 24)
- I've learned that brushing my child's hair is one of life's great pleasures. (age 26)
- I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drives have followed me there. (age 29)
- I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. (age 39)
- I've learned that there are people who love you dearly, but just don't know how to show it. (age 41)
- I've learned that you can make someone's day simply by sending them a little card. (age 44)
- I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies. (age 47)
- I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone. (age 50)
- I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and Christmas tree lights. (age 52)
- I've learned that keeping a vegetable garden is worth more than a medicine cabinet full of pills. (age 53)
- I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die. (age 53)
- I've learned that making a living isn't the same as making a life. (age 58)
- I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. (age 62)
- I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt in both hands. You have to give something back. (age 64)
- I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. (age 66)
- I've learned that it pays to believe in miracles. In fact, I've seen several. (age 73)
- I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. (age 82)
- I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch — holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. (age 85)
- I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. (age 92)

# Staff Development News

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**Title:** Service Coordination Level 1

**Offered by:** Project INTACT

**Skills:** You will become very familiar with the First Steps Policy, Rules, and Practice

Information Manual

**Date:** April 19, 20 and May 17, 1999

**Cost:** No cost

**Location:** See Mary Alice Moon for details

**Title:** Children with Genetic and Chromosomal Conditions: Diagnosis, Management, and Early Developmental Needs

**Offered by:** Riley Hospital

**Skills:** New techniques in genetic diagnosis, counseling families, the role of the therapist in treatment and innovative interventions in medical management .What you will learn

**Date:** May 20, 1999

**Cost:** No fee

**Location:** Adams Mark Conference Center, Indianapolis

**Title:** Meeting the Early Intervention and Educational Needs of Children Prenatally Exposed to Alcohol and other Drugs

**Offered by:** IN\*SOURCE

**Skills:** How to work with children who were exposed to drugs prenatally

**Date:** May 11, 1999

**Cost:** No Cost

**Location:** (To be announced) Call Mary Jo Pladion for information , 219-234-7279

**Title:** Completing the Education Puzzle

**Offered by:** Indiana Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

**Skills:** Highlights on the areas of art, music, business education, consumer and family sciences, technology education and driver education

**Date:** April 13, 1999

**Cost:** IASCD member \$60 Non-member \$75

**Location:** Primo (North Location) Indianapolis

**Title:** Professional Development for Women

**Offered by:** Clemson University Company

**Skills:** Get the know-how you need to rejuvenate your career and set positive goals

**Date:** April 26,1999

**Cost:** \$175

**Location:** Indianapolis Mariott

**Title:** HIV/AIDS: Training to Become a Workshop Presenter with a "Deaf Sensitive" Curriculum

**Offered by:** Gallaudet University

**Skills:** You will be guided through a "Deaf Sensitive" curriculum, review core materials and learn interactive and stimulating methodologies.

**Date:** June 1 & 2

**Cost:** \$50

**Location:** Arlington, VA

**Title:** Quality Services: Creative Approaches

**Offered by:** ADARA

**Skills:** New and creative methods of providing services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

**Date:** June 1 - June 5, 1999

**Cost:** \$270

**Location:** Arlington, VA

**Title:** The Special Education Needs of Children with Autism and Asperger's Disorder

**Offered by:** IU School of Medicine

**Skills:** What is Asperger's Disorder and how to deal with it.

**Date:** April 15, 1999

**Cost:** \$5.00

**Location:** North United Methodist Church

# CAMPUS BULLETIN

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"ONE DOESN'T DISCOVER  
NEW LANDS WITHOUT CONSENTING  
TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE SHORE  
FOR A VERY LONG TIME."

—ANDRE GIDE

## PTCO Day is near!

by Barb Gantt

**B**RING YOURSELF, FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO A FUN-FILLED DAY AWAITING YOU ON SUNDAY, MAY 2, 1999 AT CASKEY Gym from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.! Wide variety of booths, food sales, games, assorted prizes, raffles and swimming activity (2:30 to 4:30 p.m.), clowns, appearance of McGruff the Dog from the Indianapolis Police Academy and many more — the traditional fun you have counted on to enjoy in the past will be on hand for you all!

We are in great need of parent volunteers to help with students' games and supervision of swimming pool activities — please contact Wendy Brimmer at 546-7792 (TTY) [Wbrim75907@aol.com] and Tami Hossler at 823-5191 (V/TTY) [Onthego321@aol.com] if you can help.

For further questions, Barb Gantt, PTOO Day chairperson, can be reached at 576-9849 (TTY) [PTCODay@aol.com].

Bob Carty also reminds everyone to turn in raffle ticket stubs and money to him at ISD as well as unsold tickets.

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### Obituary: Ruth E. Johnson

by George Staley

**W**E WANT TO THANK Ms. MARTIN Miller for informing us that Ruth Evelyn Johnson, 80, of Elkhart, Indiana, died in her home on March 18, 1999, of natural causes.

# Dress code

*from the Administrative Team*

The current dress code policy found in the ISD Parent and Student Handbook reads:

## Dress Code:

"Students are expected to wear their clothing and to manage their appearance in such a manner which does not disrupt the educational setting, interfere with health or safety, or promote vulgarity.. It is not our desire or intention to dictate the type of clothing to be worn to school since we believe this to be a responsibility of the individual, but we may find it necessary to say what shall not be worn. Students will be requested to dress appropriately."

"Neither tops that expose the midriff or hats are considered appropriate dress for school. In addition, clothing that advertises gangs, drugs, alcohol, and suggestive or obscene writing is inappropriate, attracts attention, and therefore, is disruptive to the education climate."

Recently students and staff have brought up the issue of students wearing shorts in school. An Education Team meeting resulted in this clarification:

**High School and Middle School** - Students will be encouraged/required to dress appropriately and follow the dress code so that the educational process is not disrupted. Shorts are permitted at any time throughout the school year (promoting positive/appropriate student decision making).

**Elementary** - Shorts are permitted from the opening of school until September 30<sup>th</sup>, and from May 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of school (not permitted October 1 - April 30).

**Pre School** - Parents, Supervising Teacher, and staff will monitor and make appropriate decisions based on activities and weather.

# TEAM ISD update

*by Mandi Mueller*

**T**EAM ISD 1999 HAS REALLY GROWN! We now have 35 dedicated individuals who have committed to raise \$3000 to be donated towards the future ISD challenge rope course. TEAM ISD consists of individuals who will bravely participate in the Indianapolis Mini-Marathon on May 1, 1999. (That's 13.1 miles they'll be walking/running to show their pride in themselves and their love of ISD). Other TEAM ISD members will be cheering us on during the weeks of training and at the actual event.

To help us keep track of our fundraising progress, the ISD Woods class has made a wooden tote board to mark our fundraising achievements. Check it out near the guard shack when you drive into ISD. TEAM ISD would like to thank Ron Borron, for including this project in his class, and the following students for creating this masterpiece: Mike Corbin, Amanda Huser, Mike Lee, Kyle McConnell, Johnny Mazurkiewicz, Bobby Polstra, Justin Smith and Justin Wilson.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is coming fast! Keep up the words of encouragement and all the hard work and training!!

**GO TEAM ISD!!!**

## Creating a gentler home

*"First Draft" newsletter*

**I**t's easy to get caught up in all the frustrations of home life. But if you simply let go of the little, irritating factors, you'll be more likely to truly appreciate your family. Here are some ways to keep the focus on important matters:

- Be more like a kid. Children live in the present. That's a tougher task for adults. Try to put aside worries, regrets, and future tasks to exist fully in the moment.
- Accept the fact that there is always work to be done -- do the dishes, fix a broken sink pipe, organize the garage, mow the lawn. The list is endless. Don't think that one day it'll all get done, and then you'll be able to relax. Try to keep up, but don't expect to complete everything.
- Keep desires in check. You'll always want more of this or that -- and not just in terms of material things. It's good to do your best, but don't demand life to always get better.
- Bickering is natural. Don't worry if your kids occasionally argue with each other. It's a healthy part of being a child.
- Speak calmly. If you really want people to pay attention to you, speak in a calm manner. You'll be surprised how everyone else will do the same.

## Reynolds named coach

*By Brian Bippus*

**A**THLETIC DIRECTOR, BRIAN BIPPUS ANNOUNCED THAT DAVID Reynolds has been selected as the head football coach for Fall 1999 replacing Mike Jackson. Mr. Reynolds had been assistant coach with the varsity football team for several years. Reynolds, who currently teaches English in the High School department, has worked at ISD since 1985. He played all sports at the Illinois Deaf School and Gallaudet University. He is married to Cynthia who teaches in the preschool department. They have twin sons, Jonathan and Justin in ISD's 8<sup>th</sup> grade and another son, Jason, at Amy Beverland Elementary. David is looking forward to his new venture with the HS team.

## Dining Out for Life

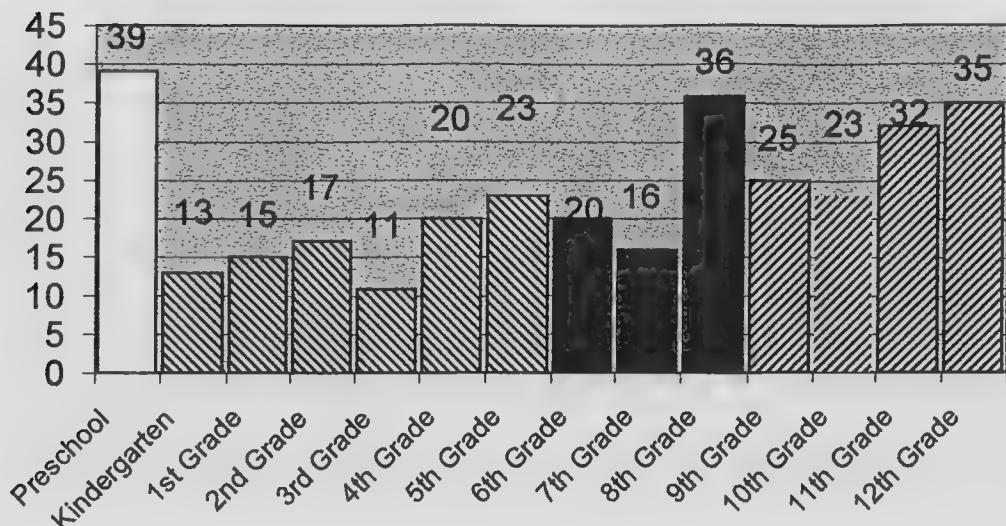
*by Jim Frenchik*

**D**ining Out for Life" is a special fund-raising program in which more than 30 cities across the country work collaboratively to help fight AIDS. Coined "The Easiest Fund-Raiser in the World to Participate In," all you have to do is have a meal at one of the participating restaurants on the evening of April 29. Twenty-five percent of your total bill will be donated to a local AIDS service agency. In Indianapolis, the benefactor is The Damien Center. The Damien Center is very "Deaf friendly": they have been assisting Deaf clients for several years and have a special TTY phone line.

More than fifty local restaurants, including all three TGIFridays, Mezzaluna, the Broad Ripple Brew Pub, Arni's, the Abbey, BW-3, Lord Ashley's, Café Patachou, Bravo, and the California Café, have promised to pledge their support that evening.

For a complete list of participating restaurants, contact Jim Frenchik in Middle School or see the list posted outside of the Middle School computer lab, Room 142 in Alumni Hall.

## Enrollment as of 4/12/99 Total: 325



## Deafywood

*by Rita Mowl*

DEAFYWOOD IS A TROUPE OF TRAVELLING PERFORMERS FROM Hollywood, California. Their performances include performance sketches such as "The John Leno Talk Show" and dance numbers. Voice interpreters will be on hand for both performances.

Deafywood will be performing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, and Saturday, May 9, in the ISD auditorium in Alumni Hall. Doors will be open at 6:45.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door — if they're not sold out! You can purchase tickets by mail by contacting Rita Mowl at ISD, 1200 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46205. Please make sure that you specify which performance you would like to attend and how many tickets you need. Also, please let us know if you require special consideration, such as wheelchair seating or visually-impaired accommodations.

Mail-order tickets can be picked up at the box office on the night of the performance.

## Kudos to "The Rollercoaster"

*by Kathleen Robertson*

TO THE ENTIRE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS involved in the recent production of "The Rollercoaster" I wanted to take this opportunity to express how much I appreciated this production. It was outstanding! The script was very well written and the actors and actresses did a tremendous job portraying their characters and conveying the seriousness of what it means to be HIV+ and the impacts it can have on one's life. The scenery and sound effects were superb and definitely added to the performance. I found the posted artwork very interesting. The tickets, pamphlets, and programs were very well done and the interpreters did a great job of conveying the emotions that the students were depicting. It was obvious that a lot of hard work and cooperative effort were put into this production. I applaud you all for a job well done. Thank you for sharing.

# Staff Development Briefs

*by Mary Alice Moon*

If you would like more information on any of the following workshops you may contact the Staff Development Office, which is located in Building 6 in Room 223. Our phone number is ext. 414. There is also additional information on the bulletin board outside the office.

ISD has no more funds for training at this time. If you are interested in attending any kind of training between now and July 1, you will have the pay for the training. You would still need to fill out the same paper work and get permission to use work time for the training in order to attend the workshop.

**Title:** Myer-Briggs Type Indicator

**Offered by:** StatePersonnel

**Skills:** Participants will learn their own personality type and how personality types effect work relationships; groups can work together more harmoniously and how various personality types are motivated

**Date:** May 18

**Cost:** \$25

**Location:** State Office Building

**Title:** Information and Records Management

**Offered by:** State Personnel

**Skills:** Participants will learn the legal framework of records management and how to minimize storage problems

**Date:** May 19

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** State Office Building

**Title:** Conflict Resolution

**Offered by:** State Personnel

**Skills:** Participants will learn how to identify and defuse situations that could turn into conflict

**Date:** May 20

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** State Office Building

**Title:** Pre-Retirement Planning

**Offered by:** State Personnel

**Skills:** Participants will learn all of the steps they need to go through as they begin to think about retirement.

**Date:** May 27

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** State Office Building

**Title:** Working Together: Strategies for Early Intervention Teams

**Offered by:** Indiana's Unified Training System

**Skills:** Participants will be able to assess their current functioning, discuss issues they face, set priorities and learn strategies that can assist them as they go about their important work

**Date:** April 27

**Cost:** \$30

**Location:** American Red Cross Building

**Title:** Developing Communication Skills to Manage Controversy

**Offered by:** Indiana's Unified Training System

**Skills:** Participants will be able to analyze their own communication skills for controversy and to refine their strategies and techniques for interacting with others in these situations.

**Date:** April 28

**Cost:** \$30

**Location:** American Red Cross Building

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# CAMPUS BULLETIN

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THINKING is THE  
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HENRY FORD

## Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The staff and students at ISD were greatly touched by the events at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, on April 20. We were involved in many discussions in the classrooms, hallways, and cafeteria after witnessing the horrific events.

On Wednesday and Thursday, April 21 and 22, supervising teachers in the Elementary, Middle School, and High School departments (Mr. David Geeslin, Mr. Jerry Thixton, Ms. Linda Lloyd) and I addressed the students. In several age-appropriate explanations we explained the facts of the incident, re-explained our expectations for student behavior and consequences at ISD (out of school suspension for any sign or remark of a threatening nature), and observed a moment of silence.

School safety is an extremely high priority at ISD and we will do everything we can to safeguard your sons and daughters while they are in our supervision.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter. Sincerely,  
Mr. Robert Kovatch, Principal

## BiBi Forum May 11th

*by Glenda Zmijewski*

The next (and last) BiBi Forum will take place in the auditorium on Tuesday, May 11, starting at 3:15. The focus of the forum will be the governance issue.

Superintendent George Stailey and Terry Huser will address the issue and entertain questions from the audience.

## Farewell, Mary Alice!

*by Mary C. Rice*

Preparations for Mary Alice Moon's retirement party are under way! If you are interested in attending this evening honoring Ms. Moon, please contact Mary Rice (924-8400), Donna Stutler (920-6311) or Carol Keller in ISD's Middle School for details. The deadline for reservations is May 14.

The party is slated for Thursday, June 3.

# TEAM ISD ready to roll!

by Mandy Mudler

The training is over! Ready or not, the Mini-Marathon date has arrived! Thirty-five people representing ISD will be participating in the 1999 Mini-Marathon on Saturday, May 1st. During the race, many will be sporting their exclusive TEAM ISD t-shirt designed by ISD junior Eugene King. As the creator of the winning t-shirt design, Eugene will be awarded a cash prize and one of his own TEAM ISD t-shirts.

TEAM ISD participants have been collecting donations to be used for the new adventure rope course on ISD's campus. It's not too late to give! Just see any TEAM ISD member to make a pledge or donation. The total amount collected will be announced after the Mini.

Best wishes to all TEAM ISD members as they face the big day!

The next, AND LAST, issue of the *Campus Bulletin* for 1998-99 will be distributed on Friday, May 21. Please send any items that you would like to appear in this issue to Jim Frenchik in Middle School by Monday, May 17 or by e-mail at [jimfrenchik@hotmail.com](mailto:jimfrenchik@hotmail.com).

## Prom Night

ANONYMOUS

I went to a party, Mom,  
I remembered what you said.  
You told me not to drink, Mom,  
So I drank soda instead.

I felt really proud inside, Mom,  
The way you said I would,  
I didn't drink and drive, Mom,  
Even though the others said I should.

I know I did the right thing, Mom,  
I know you're always right.  
Now the party is finally ending Mom,  
And everyone drives out of sight.

As I got into my car, Mom,  
I knew I'd get home in one piece,  
Because of the way you raised  
me, Mom,  
So responsible and sweet.

I started to drive away, Mom,  
But as I pulled onto the road,  
The other car didn't see me, Mom,  
And it hit me like a load.

As I lie on the pavement, Mom  
I hear the policeman say,  
The other guy is drunk, Mom,  
And now I'm the one who'll pay.

I'm lying here dying, Mom,  
I wish you'd get here soon.  
How come this happened to me,  
Mom?

My burst like a balloon.

There is blood all around me, Mom,  
Most of it is mine.  
I hear the paramedic say  
I'll be dead in a short time.

I just wanted to tell you, Mom,  
I swear I didn't drink.  
It was the others, Mom,  
The others didn't think.

He didn't know where he was  
going, Mom,  
He was probably at the same  
party as I.

The only difference is, Mom,  
He drank and I will die.

Why do people drink, Mom?  
It can ruin your whole life.  
I'm feeling sharp pains now, Mom.  
Pains just like a knife.

The guy who hit me is walking,  
Mom,  
I don't think it's fair.  
I'm lying here dying, Mom,  
While all they can do is stare.

Tell my brother not to cry, Mom,  
Tell Daddy to be brave,  
And when I get to heaven  
Write "Daddy's little Girl" on my  
grave.

Someone should have told him, Mom,  
Not to drink and drive.  
If only they'd have taken the time,  
Mom,  
I would still be alive.

My breath is getting shorter, Mom,  
I'm becoming very scared.  
Please don't cry for me, Mom,  
Because when I needed you,  
you were always there.

I have one last question, Mom  
Before I say good-bye.  
I didn't ever drink, Mom,  
So, why am I to die?

This is the end, Mom,  
I wish I could look you in the eye  
To say these final words, Mom,

I Love You and Good-bye.

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**"SOMETIMES I would  
RATHER HAVE PEOPLE  
TAKE AWAY YEARS FROM  
MY LIFE THAN TAKE  
AWAY A MOMENT."**

**PEARL BAILEY**

## School Board nominations

*by George Stailey*

As most of you are aware, BB 1904 has passed and was signed by the Governor on April 23, 1999. This makes the Indiana School for the Deaf and the Indiana School for the Blind state schools that are separate from the Indiana State Department of Health. More specifically, this bill transfers some of the State's authority to each school's superintendent and to a School Board.

With this information, I am writing to ask that you submit any nominations/recommendations of individuals who you believe would be positive candidates for our School Board to my office by May 29<sup>th</sup>.

As always, thank you in advance for your continual help and understanding in this matter. If you should have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact my office.

## Selected 8th graders head for Colorado

*by Tim Burdsall*

From July 17th through the 26th, six 8th grade students and three staff will travel by van to participate in an outdoor leadership training experience with Outward Bound in Leadville, Colorado. Deaf Leadership Expeditions, a grant project directed by Tim Burdsall, plans to help students build a smoother transition from middle school to high school through learning leadership skills in the confines of the Rocky Mountains. The students will experience a variety of mountaineering skills such as rock climbing, rappelling, low and high ropes courses, map and compass training, low impact back country living, a three-day peak ascent, and a solo descent that reflects on the leadership skills obtained during the expedition. The project's goal is to create such an impact on the students that they will bring back with them the confidence, self-esteem, and ability to become future leaders at ISD- both academically and socially. The following students will be participating: Emily Schultz, Kortney Chew, Tiffany Bohannon, Tony Moore, Jason Fitzgerald, and Chris Charles. Cami Cass, Mandy Mueller and Tim Burdsall will be the staff guides. We wish them all the best of luck as they partake in this most challenging and rewarding experience!

## Congratulations to Darin Turner

*by Bob Kovatch*

Please welcome a new, yet well-used, addition to the staff. Darin Turner, a long-term substitute teacher at ISD, has been hired as the Multimedia Lab teacher. Darin graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a bachelor in Fine Arts. He is very experienced in graphic applications and 3-D design. He has also worked locally at Hope House and taught ASL for IAD. He is a past Art Director for *DeafLife* magazine and served in various capacities at NTID. Congratulations on your permanent position.

## A warm welcome to Gary Mowl

*by Bob Kovatch*

Please welcome Gary Mowl to ISD as our new ASL Specialist. Gary is the former Superintendent of the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Morgantown. He also chaired the Center for Sign Language and Interpreting Education at NTID. He is Deaf and is a child of Deaf parents and grandparents and has numerous Deaf relatives including Middle School teacher Rita Mowl, his sister. He brings to ISD 19 years of experience in Deaf Education and has worked at numerous educational organizations including Bloomsburg University, Mount Aloysius Junior College and the Tennessee School for the Deaf. His ASL training includes university courses at the University of Rochester, University of Tennessee and Maryville College. He has presented many times at NAD and RID regional and national conferences and has been very involved in curriculum development for several years. Gary's three children, Amy, Anthony and Jon, attend ISD. Please join me in welcoming him to our staff.

## Medications and the law!

*by Deb Robarge*

Indiana state law forbids students in our schools to have medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, in their possession while at school. This includes in their pockets, backpacks, lockers, dorm rooms, etc. The only exceptions would be medications that have a specific doctor's order permitting the students to carry and self-medicate themselves with specific medications (i.e. inhalers, etc.). This order must be submitted to the Health Center and school and dorm will be notified of the order. Any product not specifically for cosmetic use is included as an over-the-counter medication. Examples include cough and cold products, pain relievers, antacids, vitamins, health supplements, etc. If you have questions about specific items please call the Health Center to check. These are the consequences of violating this rule, as stated in student code of conduct: for the first offense, a 3 day suspension; second offense, a 5 day suspension. As always, feel free to contact the Health Center with any questions you may have regarding this policy. Our toll-free number is 1-800-715-5602.

## Ci2i recognizes ISD teachers

*by Dan Stutler*

Beatrice Pfaff and Daniel Smith were presented with Certificates of Achievement for their dedication to ASL programming through Vision Athena. Susan Tennant, Distance Learning Coordinator for Central Indiana, said that Beatrice's and Daniel's motivation and dedication ensured that more than ninety (90) high school students from Beech Grove, Crawfordsville, Hamilton Southeastern, Plainfield and Turkey Run High Schools learned ASL through daily distance learning coursework.

ISD was also recognized along with Plainfield, Guion Creek and Eastern Hancock Middle Schools for their collaborative unit on diversity and discrimination.



## Library deadline approaches!

*by Linda Carty*

No library materials will be checked out after Friday, May 21. Please ensure that all materials borrowed by students are returned to the libraries by Friday, May 28.

Teachers, however, get a bit of leeway: your materials are due back on June 5.